

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed federal action in the City of Hampton, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 26, 2017 to June 20, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The Virginia CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal zone.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) proposes to construct and operate a Flight Dynamics Research Facility (FDRF) at the NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC) in the City of Hampton, Virginia. The FDRF was originally evaluated in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the NASA LaRC Master Plan, published in June 2013. However, NASA proposes to change the location of the FDRF from the site originally considered in the 2013 EA, and has submitted a Supplemental EA (SEA) to evaluate its impacts at the new location. The new site is located on Langley Boulevard, between North Dryden Street and Doolittle Road within 0.5-mile of Building 1212, where model preparation would occur for testing at the FDRF. The site is clear of existing underground utilities and supports building design requirements with respect to grade elevation. The proposed action includes the construction and operation of a new FDRF housing a single vertical wind tunnel. The anticipated dimensions of the FDRF are 148 feet tall by 172 feet wide by 90 feet deep. The FDRF would house a research facility with a single commercial off the shelf (COTS) vertical wind tunnel. The SEA for the project includes a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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